



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

February 28, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

5 February 28, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
APPROVAL OF NEW AND REVISED FEES AND CHARGES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to approve new and revised fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges, effective April 1, 2012. Revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's fees and charges are based on the review of fees charged for similar services by neighboring park agencies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING,

1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code and sections of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines as cited herein.
2. Adopt a resolution and approve new and revised fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule effective April 1, 2012.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) conducts a thorough analysis of the costs to ensure that fees do not exceed the cost of the services provided. In addition, the Department reviews the fees imposed for similar services or uses by neighboring public park agencies. If supported by the analysis, recommendations to the Department's fee schedule are forwarded to your

Board for approval.

This review indicates that the Department's current fees and charges schedule should be revised since the current fees do not cover the cost of the services provided and in an effort to maintain consistency with fees charged for similar services by other jurisdictions. These revisions include the establishment of new fees, the revision of current fees and the elimination of fees. These adjustments to the Department's schedule of fees are warranted, as outlined in Attachment I.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by increasing revenues, and Children, Family, and Adult Well Being (Goal 2), by enriching lives through cost-effective activities. It will also further Strategic Plan Goal of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by creating affordable, accessible, and quality activities to the surrounding community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will result in an estimated net revenue increase of \$16,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 20011-12 and \$25,000 annually in subsequent fiscal years which will be utilized to fund existing operating costs.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

As mentioned in the Fiscal Impact/Financing Section above, we are estimating a modest increase of \$25,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All fees were reviewed to ensure that they are reasonable and cost effective in comparison to other municipal and public agencies. The results are reflected in our recommendations. The last revisions to the Department's fees and charges were approved on August 11, 2009 and effective September 1, 2009.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes must be approved by a resolution of your Board.

The proposed Department fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearing notice requirements of Government Code Section 6062a have been satisfied and public hearing requirements of Government Code Section 66018, for fee increases will be satisfied by this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and/or (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, and/or (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Therefore, the proposed actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) (8) (A) (B) (C) of the Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION TO REVISE VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the County's parks offer services and recreational opportunities similar to other facilities at which these fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, these increases will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these costs do not exceed the cost of the services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Department fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval for fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, all recommended fee increases for County park facilities funded or improved with State bond park funds are not in excess of 125 percent of similar fees charged by the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of State facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The County's parks and recreation fees shall be adjusted as outlined in Attachment I, effective April 1, 2012.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and the ex-officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts, adopted the foregoing Resolution on the 28th day of February, 2012.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los
Angeles

By

Deputy

Rachelle Smithman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By

Christine A. Salceda

Principal Deputy County Counsel



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

2012 Proposed Fees and Charges

Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Change from Current Fee	Last Revised (Date of Board Letter)
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I. NEW FEES

Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching

Activity Vehicle Annual Permit - valid only for park entry by registered participants in leagues and recreational activities at either Whittier Narrows Recreation Area - Sports Complex in Area A or Schabatum Regional Park. These permits would not be honored for Special Events or Holidays.

N/A

\$25 / per vehicle - for Whittier Narrows Recreation Area - Sports Complex in Area A or Schabatum Regional Park

New

Senior Citizen & Disabled Boat Annual - valid everyday excluding special events and holidays

N/A

\$65 / per vessel

New

Equestrian Facilities/Special Events Rental Fees

Loma Alta Equestrian Center, 72nd Street Park and Arena and Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena - Exclusive and overnight use

N/A

\$1,500/day

New

Loma Alta Equestrian Center, 72nd Street Park and Arena and Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena - Excluding overnight

N/A

\$250 - \$1,000/day

New

II. REVISED FEES

Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching

Senior Citizen & Disabled Vehicle Annual Permit - valid weekdays only, excluding weekends and holidays

Increased - August 11, 2009

\$65 per vehicle- valid everyday excluding special events and holidays

N/A

Arboreta and Regional Facilities

* Category A - Member orgs/non-profit orgs/gov't agencies/schools

Classroom

Increased - August 11, 2009

Days: \$0-\$100; Eves/Wknds: \$25

N/A

Hall

Increased - August 11, 2009

Days: \$0-\$100; Eves/Wknds: \$50-\$200

Days: \$60; Eves/Wknds: \$125
Days: \$225; Eves/Wknds: \$325

Increase of up to \$50

Restructure - Category A & B will be combined into one category. Category A will now read: Category A - Hall (Non-profit organizations/Public Service organizations/Government organizations/schools)

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<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Change from Current Fee</u>	<u>Last Revised</u>
Category B - Non-member public service organizations				
Classroom	Days: \$60; Eves/Wknds: \$125	Days: \$200; Eves/Wknds: \$300	N/A	Created - September 19, 1988
Restructure - Category B will now read as: Category B - Classroom (Private groups and individuals). Category B will keep the same fee as Category C - Classroom, which will be eliminated.				
* Category B - Non-member public service organizations				
Hall	Days: \$400; Eves/Wknds \$600	Days: \$500; Eves/Wknds \$800	Increase of up to \$200	Created - September 19, 1988
Restructure - Category B will now read as: Category B - Hall (Private groups and individuals). However, the Department is requesting an increase in the former Category C fee.				

III. ELIMINATED FEES

Arboreta and Regional Facilities				
Category C - Classroom (Private groups/individuals)	Days: \$200; Evening/weekend: \$300	Eliminate	Eliminate	Created - September 19, 1988
Category C - Hall (Private groups/individuals)	Days: \$400; Evening/weekend: \$600	Eliminate	Eliminate	Created - September 19, 1988
Restructure - The Department is requesting the elimination of these fees. These fees will only have two categories instead of three.				

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED INCREASES IN FEES
AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK FACILITIES**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of new and increased fees at County parks. Said hearing will be held on February 28, 2012, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

Proposed New Fees

Establish an activity vehicle annual permit for \$25 per person. Valid only for park entry by registered participants in sports leagues and recreational activities at either Whittier Narrows Recreation Area – Sports Complex in Area A or Schabarum Regional Park. These permits will not be honored for special events or holidays.

Establish a Senior Citizen and Disabled Boat Annual Pass for \$65 per vessel. Valid everyday, excluding special events and holidays.

Establish an exclusive and overnight use fee at Loma Alta Equestrian Center, 72nd Street Park and Arena and Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena for \$1,500 per day.

Establish a use fee, excluding overnight use at Loma Alta Equestrian Center, 72nd Street Park and Arena and Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena for a range of \$250-\$1,000 per day.

Proposed Increased Fees

Increase to various Department Fees and Charges.

Elimination of Fees

Eliminate the Category C – Classroom (private groups/individuals) fee, days: \$200; Evening/weekend \$300. This fee will be included in the restructured fee Category B – Classroom – non-member, public service organization fee.

Eliminate the Category C – Hall (private groups/individuals) fee, days: \$400; Evening/weekend: \$600. This fee will be included in the restructured fee Category B – Hall – non-member, public service organization fee.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. For further information, please call (213) 738-3226.

Para su información en español, favor de llamar el teléfono siguiente (213) 738-2952.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
The Board of Supervisors